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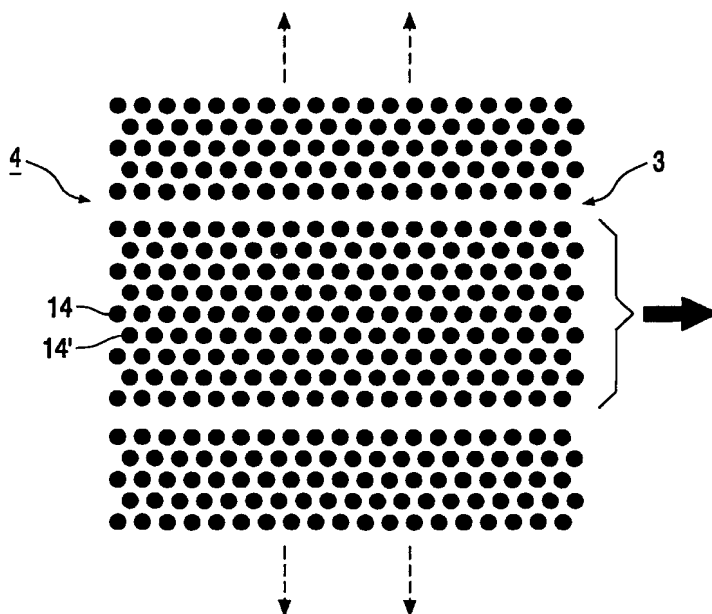
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(54) Title: **STORAGE MEDIUM FOR THE OPTICAL STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a storage medium for the optical storage and retrieval of information, the storage medium comprising: a substrate and an active layer for retention of data. According to the invention, the active layer is provided with a pre-determined pattern (4) of bit positions (14, 14', ...). Preferably, the substrate is provided with the pre-determined pattern of bit positions. The storage medium has a relatively high data density.

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